

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047**



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Tribal Recognition was restored and signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians distributes services to its approximately 2600 membership. The tribe has a ten county service area, four being in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northwestern Indiana.

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58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

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WebPages at: <http://www.pokagon.com/index.html>

They have four distinct operating units in Cass, Van Buren, Berrien & St. Joseph County, IN. All but the Berrien County sites have significant acreage of farmland, which will remain in production near term. At Alex B. March 2nd, 2002 meeting with Tribal staff members he **emphasized the need** for the tribe to **work with FSA** to make sure their **crop base (and program eligibility) is protected** by completing all necessary paperwork to document change of ownership to the Tribe.

Mark Parrish Tribal Environmental Coordinator, 901 Spruce Street, PO Box 180
Kevin Daugherty Resource Developer
Thomas Morris Administrative Assistant

The Tribe appears to have a keen interest in **restoring wetlands** through **WRP**, **restoring upland habitat** and forestry through **CRP**, **protecting water quality** with **Buffers** and developing **EQIP contracts** for cropland. Although final decisions are yet to be made, it appears a significant portion of the cropland will remain in production long term either on a cash rent basis, as a Tribal "Cultural Endeavor" or most likely some combination of the two. An interest in **raising Bison** and other **traditional foods organically** was expressed. Mark Parrish (who has a degree in geology) requested groundwater hydrology data, which I am not even sure, exists for their lands.

The Tribe's **immediate interests** are in starting a "**sugar bush**" and finding a source of **Bison meat**. On February 1st, CRMI Resource Professional Corey Van Wyhe and Alex made a field visit with Mark Parrish and identified a 20 plus acre site **where syrup production could begin this spring**.

Alex B. plans on conducting a survey of local meat processors and Bison producers on the availability of meat later this month.

In 2001, the Tribe has demonstrated to Alex, that they are beginning to formulate a **clear direction for their lands** and have acquired a working **knowledge of USDA programs** and how they can be used by the Tribe to meet their objectives. Hopefully these programs will still be available 1-2 years hence,

the earliest date Alex can now anticipate completion of a RMS conservation plan on a meaningful amount of acreage.

The tribal offices are located Southwest of Kalamazoo in Cass County. Northwest of Cassopolis.

Location and treaty boundaries area:
(show map here)

There are no Gaming enterprises owned by tribe at this time:

OTHER ITEMS TO COVER:

Amount of allotted lands and trust lands?

Size of reservation

Council members

Natural Resources Staff.

Will this tribe pay per capita?

What are the major business ventures?

Natural Resources concerns:

- ☐ There is a need for an assessment of conservation needs
- ☐ Mark Parrish would like the help of a landscape architect

Natural resource issues:

Notes about local agriculture:

- ☐
- ☐

Annual Powwow is held:

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